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1. A large scale personnel reshuffle in the GAI may be in the offing. All re-
quests for leave in the personnel section have been turned down. Its chief,
Richard Wenzel, has been called back from leave. Nothing specific is known
as to what personnel changes are contemplated.

2. The GAI now has five vice-presidents. The latest addition, Heinz Hoffmann,
has not yet assumed his duties. Erich Mielke was not relieved of his posi-
tion as Vice-President as previously reported.* The Hauptabteilung Personnel
has been placed under his control. Since Mielke all along had exercised con-
trolling influence upon the personnel policy of the GAI, in accordance with the
directives issued by SMA Karlshorst, there appears to have been no material
change in his position.

3. The deputy chief of Hauptabteilung S (uniformed constabulary), Erich Heckrodt,
was demoted from Inspektor to Oberpolizeirat and transferred to the Brandenburg
state police on orders of President Kurt Fischer. Heckrodt was drunk and be-
haved improperly at the inauguration of the Potsdam police station.

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* ██████ Comment: ██████ (by the source of this report) and ██████ state
that Erich Mielke was relieved of his position as Vice-President effective 1
July 1949. As the information in this report is dated ██████ this
report is believed to give the more accurate story in so far as Mielke is
concerned.

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